

MEN OF THE QUILL AT STAUNTON

Newspaper Representatives
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RALEIGH COMMODORE

Secretary of Navy and John Barrett
Deliver Interesting and Practical
Addresses

Staunton, Va., July 26—Secretary Daniels last night replied to what the members of the Virginia Press Association, meeting here in annual convention, that he has never been so constantly reminded of the guilt of being a "country editor" as he had since he was appointed Secretary of the Navy and then replied to what he said was the campaign argument of "the opposition," that the American navy was losing in efficiency because it "was managed by a country editor."

He asserted that these charges were made in spite of the fact that "there are 56 more ships in commission now than on March 4, 1913; there are 6,000 more men and a large number of officers, and an authorization by the Senate of enough additional men to fully man every fighting ship in the navy, so that today 25 battleships—more than ever before—are engaged with the Atlantic fleet in maneuvers."

John Barrett, director general of the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C., and former United States minister to Argentina, Panama, and Colombia, in his speech among other things said:

There is no greater combined opportunity and responsibility today before the American Government and people than that represented in Pan America and Pan Americanism. The European war and the Mexican problem have demonstrated this fact beyond question.

The European war has done more than any other international influence since the declaration of the Monroe Doctrine in 1823 to develop Pan American solidarity, Pan American sympathy and Pan American commerce. On the other hand, the Mexican situation has always contained the possibilities of disrupting this same solidarity, sympathy and commerce, but at the same time having the potentiality of being an allpowerful factor in cementing Pan American friendship and doing away with Pan American distrust.

The European war has today a great silver lining for the United States and its twenty sister American republics in that it has done more than all diplomatic negotiations, all speeches and protestations of friendship through long years to emphasize in a most practical way the absolute interdependence in both material and political ways of the American republics. It has also shown to them more than any theoretical argument of a century that the future commercial, financial and economic development of each one of the twenty-one American republics depends upon the co-operation of the other twenty. It has proved for the first time beyond question and experimentation the need of a great Pan American merchant marine, extensive Pan American banking facilities and Pan American reciprocity in treaties, laws and intercourse, to build up Pan American trade.

The Mexican situation, on the other hand, has loomed up with its fearful as well as its favorable potentialities. It is no exaggeration, therefore to state that, if the Mexican problem of actual war and armed intervention is successfully solved by the avoidance of actual war and armed intervention by the United States, and permanent peace and order are established in Mexico without infringement of its sovereignty and with the friendly co-operation of the United States Government and people, the greatest step forward to strengthen the solidarity established by the European war will be taken. All America—Pan America—from the United States, Mexico and Cuba on the north, to Argentina and Chile on the south,

will then rejoice in a new era of Pan Americanism which will make the sympathetic union of the American republics not only real and lasting but a mighty factor, in the form of a group of nations, for preserving the peace and advancing the prosperity of the whole world.

In other words, if the Mexican question is so settled that all Latin America will be convinced of the good faith of the United States in its attitude towards its sister republics, there is no question that a deep and broad wave of true Pan Americanism will sweep over the entire Western Hemisphere and make the Americas not only forever leaders in the civilization and commerce of the world but a combined power of unprecedented strength for peace and progress.

Drawing conclusions from the attitude of the press of Latin America, which, as in the United States, is the best barometer of public sentiment, it would appear true that, while the governments and peoples of Latin America are sympathetic with the United States Government and people in the matter of the many distressing incidents and raids that have occurred along the border and of the losses of life and property in the interior of Mexico and do not blame the United States for making most earnest representations and protestations, as they themselves would do under similar circumstances, they, on the other hand, do not believe that conditions and a situation have arrived where war and armed intervention would be justifiable. Again, while Latin America, for its own good name, is just as anxious as the United States for the re-establishment of peace and order in Mexico, it believes that the interior problem of Mexico is one that belongs solely to that country and must be worked out by the Mexican Government and people and without the impairment of Mexican sovereignty by another republic.

Let, therefore, the editors of Virginia and the United States in determining their attitude towards the Mexican situation think not alone of border troubles and vexatious incidents in the interior of Mexico as if they were causes for war and intervention, but let them look beyond to all Latin America. Let them think of the importance of promoting alike the confidence and commerce of twenty sister republics having a combined population of eighty millions, an area of nine millions of square miles, or three times that of the United States, and an annual foreign commerce valued at nearly three billions of dollars, in which the share of the United States, according to the latest statistics, is nearly one-third or beyond nine hundred millions of dollars.

In conclusion, it is fitting that in discussing Pan American matters I should bear in mind that Staunton is the birthplace and that this section is the congressional district of respectively two great Pan Americans, namely, the President of the United States, and the Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Without indulging in any political discussion and with no axe to grind, because I am an international officer, elected by the votes of all the American governments and not by vote of the United States alone, let me say in all sincerity that I believe President Wilson, in the guidance of the relations of the United States with Mexico and all Latin America has been actuated by the highest sense of the square deal for Pan America and good faith to the cause of Pan Americanism. In pursuing this policy he has been most ably and sympathetically supported by Representative Flood of the tenth district, who, in his unique position of power in the House of Representatives, I have always found ready to do everything he possibly could to advance the welfare of the Pan American Union, the official international organization of the American republics devoted to the development of commerce, friendship and peace, and to give to practical Pan Americanism the needed backing of the United States Congress.

It is also gratifying to add that the Virginia Press Association and the editors of Virginia have been well complimented and recognized in the matter of their co-operation for Pan Americanism by the recent appointment of Robert S. Barrett, the President of the Association and Editor of the Alexandria Gazette, to repre-

BRITISH TROOPS TAKE POZIERES

Germans Forced Out After
Fierce and Sanguinary
Fight

TAKE MORE TRENCHES

British With Bombs Maintain Deter-
mined Hand-to-Hand Fight, Gain-
ing Yard by Yard

London, July 26—After three days of desperate hand to hand fighting, grubbing in mud and crumbled masonry, the Anzac soldiers of Great Britain's armies have finally taken the whole of the village of Pozieres. "The whole of Pozieres is now in our hands," General Sir Douglas Haig reported briefly today.

"Westward the Territorials have strong trenches and a number of prisoners including five officers. Elsewhere there is no change." London, July 26—There were fierce hand to hand combats and bomb fighting at various points along the front in Northern France, during the day, says an official statement given out by the War Office last night. An attack by German infantry on the village of Pozieres, from the northeast was driven back by the British artillery fire.

Paris, July 26—On the south bank of the River Somme Sunday evening French troops captured a group of fortified houses south of Estrees and drove the Germans out of trenches north of Vermandovillers, says the French official statement issued Monday afternoon.

Between the Oise and the Aisne several German patrols were dispersed near Tracy-le-Val. On the left bank of the Meuse, in the Verdun region, there was grenade fighting at Hill No. 304. On the right bank of the Meuse a violent cannonading was in progress at Fleury and La Laufee.

A German attack on the French positions at Baschwiller in Alsace is said to have failed.

Sub-Lieutenant Nungesser, of the French Aviation Corps, brought down his tenth aeroplane.

Berlin, July 26—An English and French combined attack made Monday night north of the River Somme in France, says the official statement issued by German headquarters broke down.

SHARKS VISIT CRISFIELD

Man-Eater Comes Up to Wharf and
Makes Meal Off Fish

Crisfield, Md., July 26—A shark, eight feet long, believed to be of the hatchet fin species, said to be man-eaters, swam leisurely yesterday into the middle harbor where the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic steamers dock, and for several minutes fed on a number of dead fish in the river. It was well up in the water and its body was in plain view. The hatchet fin was about 18 inches long. Several persons went for rifles with which to shoot the fish, but it had gone when they returned. The big fish came within five feet of the dock and flirled water on the windows of the Adams Express Building, which is situated within six feet of the water's edge. The first notice of its approach was when it struck and nearly overturned the 40-foot gasoline canoe of Capt. Shafter Tyler. There were several boys swimming near by at the time. They hastened for the shore, arriving just ahead of the monster. Quite a scare was thrown into the onlookers.

Just arrived a fresh supply of Crabs Clams, and Oysters. Call or Telephone and orders will be given prompt attention. Ramell Cafe S. Royal Street.

sent the Department of Commerce in investigating important trade conditions in South America. All hail, therefore, I say to the direct interest of the Virginia Press Association in promoting Pan American commerce, Pan American friendship and Pan American peace.

LOCAL BREVITIES

There were no cases for trial in the Police Court this morning.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South, will meet this evening at 7 o'clock.

The remains of Charles Mander, who died Monday night at his home in this city, were taken to Fredericksburg, Va., today for interment.

John G. Graham and Kenneth W. Ogden and wife have sold to David L. Norfolk lots 37, 38, 39, in Block 1, of what is known as Wheat and Uter's Addition.

There will be a special session of the Masonic School of Instruction to night at 7:30 George W. Wright, Grand Lecturer will be present. All Master Masons are invited to be present.

It is announced by Charles H. Callahan, commissioner of revenue, that no local merchants have yet come forward voluntarily with returns of property subject to assessment for omitted taxes in past years.

Word has been received by Dr. C. E. Outcalt of the death of his father, William E. Outcalt, who passed away this morning in West Virginia. The deceased is survived by his widow and two children, a son and a daughter.

A decree in the case of Emma Murray and others against Taylor Tibbs and others has been entered in the corporation court directing Howard W. Smith, as special commissioner, to convey to Simpson Ramsay the property in dispute.

The committee having in charge the evangelistic campaign to be conducted in this city in September by the Rev. Gypsy Smith, Jr., held a meeting last night in Trinity M. E. Church. James R. Caton, chairman, presided.

In the corporation court, a final decree of divorce has been granted by Judge L. C. Barley in the case of Cora L. Lindsay against John W. Lindsay. The complainant was represented by Attorney Frederick P. Russell.

The members of the Second Presbyterian Church who wish to join the "Gypsy Smith Choir," are requested to meet tonight at the church after the prayer meeting services. The church expects to have 50 in the choir, 25 males and 25 females.

The body of Mrs. Elizabeth Kendrick, wife of Jacob Kendrick, who died Monday night at her home in Washington street extended, was shipped to Round Hill, Loudoun county, Va., today for burial. The deceased was only eighteen years of age. She is survived by her husband.

RESCUED FROM BULL

York, Pa., July 26—Attacked by a bull, Michael Senft, an old farmer, was gored by the animal, and is now in a critical condition. A grandson came to his rescue with a pitchfork and drove the animal away.

John the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Meacham was run over by an automobile in front of his home in Petersburg Monday night and died from his injuries.

Firemen F. R. Bowers was killed instantly at Greenwood, a small station on the Chesapeake and Ohio, seventeen miles west of Charlottesville, last night when fast train No. 6 was derailed. The engine, express car, baggage car and one day coach turned entirely over. The baggage car piled on top of the engine. Bowers was buried beneath the engine and cut to pieces. No one else among either crew of passengers was injured. No. 6 is the fast express from the West to Washington.

Final Clearance —of— MILLINERY.

Trimmed hats to go at 25c, 50c, \$1.00 and \$2.00. Some were \$9.00 to \$12.00.

All untrimmed hats at 50c and \$1.00.

MRS. J. HAYES, 915 King St. 172-2t

RUSSIAN MENACE BIG TURKISH BASE

Converging From Three
Points on Erzingan
and Fall Near

PREPARING TO LEAVE

Ottomans Must Retreat 130 Miles
and Are Not Taking Chances at
Erzerum

London, July 26—A report from the wireless press in Rome today says the Turks have evacuated Erzingan in the face of Grand Duke Nicholas' drive.

Petrograd, July 26—The Russian operations against the Turks, which lately have been overshadowed by the more sensational events on General Brusiloff's front, now are reclaiming general attention.

As a result of a series of consecutive gains achieved by a skillfully organized offensive, which ever since the fall of Erzerum has been slowly, but irresistibly, sweeping toward the objectives in Asia Minor. The Caucasian armies now command the heights which definitely threaten the important Turkish base of Erzingan and make extremely probable the fall of this city in the near future. The Russians, after having stolidly withstood most energetic counter-offensive without weakening, now are pressing forward in three directions—from Gumish Khaneh, 45 miles north of Erzingan; from Baiburt, 50 miles northeast of Erzingan; and from Mamakhatun, 45 miles east of Erzingan, all of which points recently have been occupied by the Russians and form an arc from which to focus attacks upon Erzingan.

The new points mentioned as having been occupied by the Russians possessed every natural advantage for defense and the Turks made the most persistent efforts to hold them. Their loss not only brings the Russians within 25 miles of Erzingan, but gives them command of the chief approaches to the city.

It is reliably reported here that the evacuation of Erzingan has already begun and that the present defense of the city is being conducted only with the purpose of giving the Turks time to withdraw to a new base at Sivas, 130 miles to the west. There being no railway system between Erzingan and Sivas, the Turks apparently are attempting to avoid a repetition of their flight at Erzerum and Trebizond, where they gave themselves insufficient time for an orderly withdrawal and allowed their forces to be divided and surrounded by the advancing Russians.

TO STOP SEARCH

Federal officials investigating the waterworks tunnel disaster at Cleveland, Ohio, which cost 22 lives, late yesterday afternoon ordered all attempts to reach the bodies of 12 men imprisoned in the tunnel abandoned until some time today. This action was taken because tests of the gas in the tunnel through which the rescuers had to pass showed that it is highly explosive, and the officials feared a second explosion. An attempt will be made to pump out the gas so that the work of recovering the bodies may progress.

EAGLES' EXCURSION TODAY

July 26.

Notice to Holders of Tickets:

Excursion will not be postponed. If rain prevents persons from using tickets for evening boat, same can be used on date to be announced later.

NEWS OF THE DAY

A fine of 5,000,000 marks (\$1,000,000) has been imposed upon the city of Brussels for celebrating the Belgian national festival last Friday.

Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, president of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, who was shot by Dr. Elbridge D. Atwood a week ago at the Hotel Westminster, Boston, died yesterday.

Declaring that the conference had utterly failed in its object of aiding peace, Dr. Charles F. Aked, yesterday resigned as chairman of the American committee to the Ford neutral conference in Stockholm.

Two women and one man lost their lives yesterday afternoon when the Vivian restaurant owned by O. D. Sherley, in Hagerstown, Md., caved in after the walls had been weakened following a cloudburst.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bain, 19 years old, and Robert Parker, 22 years old, have confessed that they killed the young woman's husband in a three-cornered fight, dragged his body into a barn near Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and set it on fire. The murdered man was 45 years old.

After three years' work, the largest reflecting telescope mirror in the world is ready for installation at the Carnegie Observatory, on Mount Wilson, near Los Angeles, Cal. Astronomers expect 100,000,000 stars heretofore unknown will be revealed by the new mirror, which is 100 inches in diameter, forty inches larger than any ever used.

Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, awaiting electrocution for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was found in his cell in the "death house," at Sing Sing prison last night bleeding from a wound in his chest made in the shape of a cross. The prisoner had cut himself with a piece of broken glass.

Sir Roger Casement's execution has been fixed for August 3. Unless granted a royal reprieve Casement will be hanged in the yard of Pentonville prison. Hope for the saving of Casement's life by judicial means was practically abandoned when his appeal from his conviction on the charge of high treason was rejected on July 18.

Cucumbers at \$4 each, sold in quantities by a Chinese in front of a house in Mott street, New York, aroused the suspicions of a detective, who arrested the vendor following an examination of his stock. In each cucumber were found small tin boxes containing opium. The top of the cucumber had been sliced off and was held in place by a rubber band.

President Wilson has determined to stand squarely behind the increased Senate naval building program. Official word of his desire that the Senate provisions be accepted by the House in conference was sent from the White House yesterday to administration leaders at the Capitol where conferees will begin consideration of the naval bill within a few days.

Premier Asquith conferred with King George yesterday, when, it is understood, the Irish situation was discussed. Afterward in the House of Commons the Premier announced that the chief features of the proposals of settlement, as embodied in the home rule amending bill, had already been approved by John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists and by Sir Edward Carson, the leader of the Ulster Unionists.

The body of Bishop William Terry Eveland, a missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the Philippine Islands, a trustee of Tome Institute, Port Deposit, Md., and a former president of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, was found under a railroad bridge near Mount Holly Springs yesterday afternoon. The bishop had started out on a fishing trip and carried a steel fishing rod. In going under the bridge the end of the rod touched an electric wire that sent 11,000 volts through his body.

UNITED STATES TO GET ISLANDS

Denmark to Turn Over Her
Possessions in Carri-
bean Sea

WILL PAY \$25,000,000

Discovery Rights of Hardly Any
Value in Greenland to be Ceded
in Addition

Washington, D. C., July 26 — Official admission is made that a treaty is about to be signed between the United States and Denmark, whereby this Government gains control of the Danish West Indies. The United States is to pay the sum of \$25,000,000 in gold and to cede its "rights of discovery" in the Danish possession, Greenland.

The treaty is certain to be ratified in the Senate. Republican leaders joined with Democrats in praising the efforts of President Wilson in consummating the long negotiations which are on the eve of bringing the United States into an important strategic possession for the protection of the Panama Canal.

Denmark's huge expenses since the beginning of the war are said to be responsible for her willingness to sell the islands. The war also ties the hands of nations that might offer opposition to the deal.

Republican leaders of the first rank declared that an important step has been taken for the peace of the world. Fearing that harm to the closing negotiations might result from premature official discussion in the Senate, to which the treaty must be referred for ratification, Senators of both parties refused to be quoted.

Administration officials were equally reticent. It is known, however, that the treaty has not yet been signed, although this eventually may be reached within 24 hours, more probably by the end of the present week. One consideration which, it is understood, the State Department has in mind in deferring official discussion of the proposed agreement is the fear that Germany may intervene and throw its influence against the concurrence of the Danish Parliament, German statesmen are said to look with disfavor on the idea that the United States assume control of the islands, and the probability is openly speculated upon that German diplomats in Denmark may become immediately active in opposing the agreement.

The United States Government has no misgivings, however, as to the outcome of the negotiations looking toward the signing of the treaty. All of the essential points have been agreed upon.

PICNIC TOMORROW

Everything in Readiness for Catholic
Outing at Snowden's

Everything is in readiness for the big outing to be given tomorrow at Snowden's station for the benefit of St. Mary's parochial school improvement fund. Special electric cars will be run to the grounds at all times during the day and lunches will be sold there.

Tomorrow is the day for the great picnic at Snowden's station to be given by St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish for the benefit of the Parochial school improvement fund. Every arrangement has been completed to make this day one of pleasure for all who come. Ladies in charge have a delicious menu for dinner and supper, and will take care of every one who comes down hungry. The electric railway company will have trains running all day for the convenience of the people, and nothing has been left undone to make this picnic a grand success.

There will be a concert at 7 p. m. by the Holy Name Band, and other music will be furnished for dancing all day.

The committee in charge requests all to buy tickets from its members.